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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record the following documents (clean copies and a Form PTO-1449 listing the documents are enclosed). The following documents were cited in the International Search Report, May 30, 2002, in the International application corresponding to the above-captioned case.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

• International Search Report for PCT/US02/00341, dated May 30, 2002.

The Examiner's independent consideration of all these documents and their relevance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also requested to initial and return copies of the accompanying PTO 1449 forms to evidence such consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with the provisions under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. No fee is required.

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